

## Farm Service Agency U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

## California Producers Have Until Aug. 1 to Submit FSA County Committee Nominations

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California farmers and ranchers have until Aug. 1, 2023, to nominate candidates to serve on the their local County Farm Service Agency (FSA) Committee. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) accepts nominations each year in certain Local Administrative Areas (LAAs) for individuals to serve on these locally led committees.

"The Aug. 1 deadline is quickly approaching," said Blong Xiong, State Executive Director for FSA California. "Committee members play a critical role in the day-to-day operations of the agency and are vital to how FSA carries out disaster programs, as well as conservation, commodity and price support programs. This is your opportunity to have a say in how federal programs are delivered in our county."

Nationwide, more than 7,700 dedicated members of the agricultural community serve on FSA county committees. The committees are made up of three to 11 members who serve three-year terms. Individuals may nominate themselves or others and qualifying organizations may also nominate candidates. USDA encourages minority producers, women and beginning farmers or ranchers to nominate, vote, and hold office.

Producers should contact their local FSA office today to register and find out how to get involved in their county's election, including if their LAA is up for election this year. To be considered, a producer must be registered and sign an <u>FSA-669A</u>?nomination form. The form and other information about FSA county committee elections are available at?fsa.usda.gov/elections.?

Election ballots will be mailed to eligible voters beginning Nov. 6, 2023.

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